

R&D personnel in selected regions/countries: 1995–2011

(Thousands)

Year	EU	Japan	South Korea	China	Russia
1995	1,851	948	152	752	1,211
1996	1,867	892	136	804	1,113
1997	1,859	894	137	831	1,053
1998	1,910	926	129	755	967
1999	1,947	919	138	822	989
2000	2,000	897	138	922	1,007
2001	2,033	869	166	956	1,008
2002	2,082	834	172	1,035	987
2003	2,101	859	186	1,095	973
2004	2,144	873	194	1,153	952
2005	2,202	897	215	1,365	920
2006	2,294	910	238	1,502	917
2007	2,369	912	269	1,736	912
2008	2,462	883	294	1,965	870
2009	2,489	878	309	2,291	846
2010	2,535	878	335	2,554	840
2011	2,587	870	361	2,883	839

EU = European Union.

NOTES: Personnel are full-time equivalents. Total R&D personnel includes researchers, technicians, and other support staff. Data between 1995 and 2008 for China are not comparable to data for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries or to China data for subsequent years. China data between 1995 and 1999 are based on underestimated data and are not comparable to data from 2000 to 2008. EU data for 2011 is provisional. Data for Japan for 1995 are based on overestimated data and are not comparable to subsequent years. Counts for South Korea prior to 2007 excludes social science and humanities researchers.

SOURCE: OECD, Main Science and Technology Indicators (2013/1 and earlier years), <http://www.oecd.org/sti/msti.htm>.